

Remarks

In an Office action mailed on April 20, 2006, the Examiner rejected claims 1-6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14-20, 28, 30, 32, 33, 36, and 41-56 as being provisionally unpatentable over claims 1-22 of co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 11/217,650, to Applicant, under the judicially created doctrine against obviousness-type double patenting. Applicant thanks the Examiner for his guidance towards patentable subject matter and submits a terminal disclaimer in accordance with the Examiner's recommendation and 37 C.F.R. §1.373(b).

Summary

Applicant asserts that the application is now in condition for allowance and earnestly requests that a notice of allowance issue.

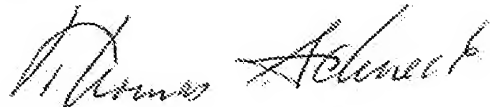
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